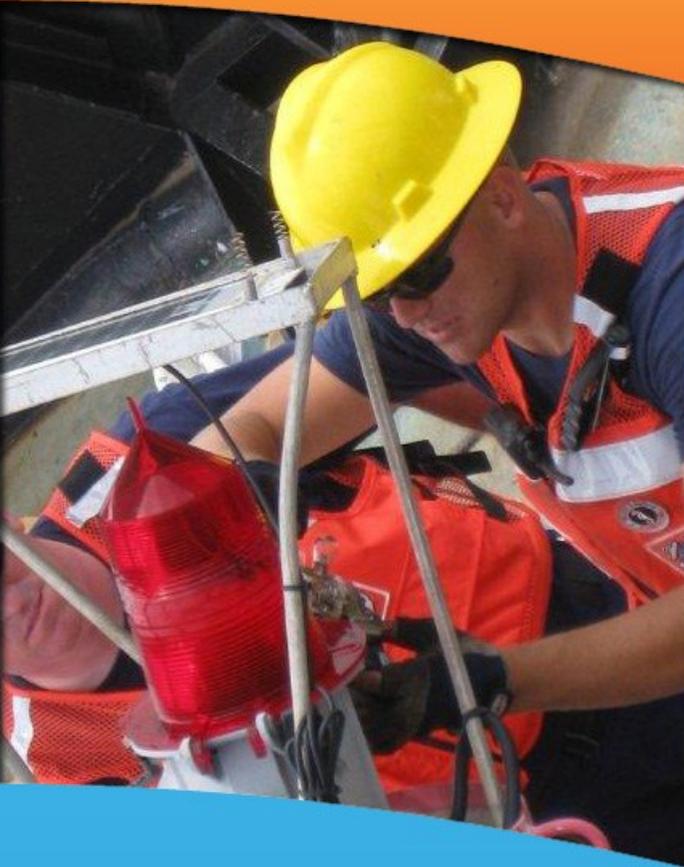


HAZARDS OF NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL INLETS



Contact Sector North Carolina
on VHF-FM Channel 16 to
report distress or facilitate
contact with commercial
towing and salvage.

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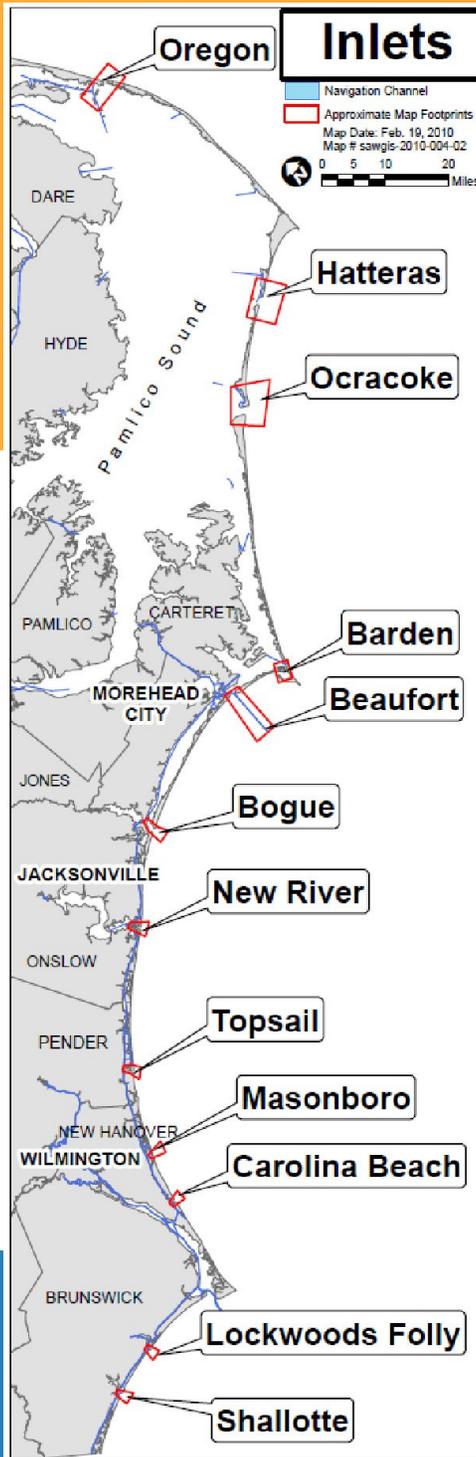
MISSION STATEMENT

This warning pamphlet is part of our public safety plan developed by Coast Guard Sector North Carolina to warn the public about accessing hazardous inlets, to heighten public awareness about the hazards that exist in and around the inlets, and to provide the mariner with information available for each inlet.

INLET SURVEYS

These waypoints, maps and associated information represent the result of surveys made on the date indicated and can only be considered as indicating the general condition existing at that time. These conditions are subject to rapid change due to shoaling events. A prudent mariner should not rely exclusively on the information provided here.

<http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/nav/inlets.htm>



ENTRANCE TO INLETS

Shoaling conditions increase the potential for a boat to capsize or run aground. The channels are subject to continual changes. Be mindful of tidal currents; you may be able to transit the inlet on a flood tide, but may face dangerous breaking bar conditions on an ebb tide. Entrance buoys are not charted because they are frequently shifted in position. Passage through the inlets is not recommended without local knowledge of all hazardous conditions affecting the areas. The Coast Guard is unable to mark entrances once shoaling restricts movement of our vessels.

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

A Notice to Mariners advises mariners of important matters affecting navigational safety, including new hydrographic information changes in channels and aids to navigation, and other important data. The Local Notice to Mariners can be viewed at the following website or monitored on VHF Radio Channel 16.

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict®ion=5>

HOW TO REPORT AID TO NAVIGATION DISCREPANCIES

To report any Aids to Navigation discrepancies (missing, damaged, off station, extinguished lights), shoaling, hazards to navigation, or discrepancies to bridge lighting, please contact Sector North Carolina at (252) 247-4570.

Know your waters...

Plan ahead...

Don't run aground!